Boston Jan.ry 7th. 1776.

Dear Sir

You will easily see how very irregularly the Letters from Europe arrive, when I inform you, that I did not receive your Letter of the 2d. of Septr. till yesterday: Having settled this Point, allow me to wish you & your Family the Compliments of the Season, which I hope to do in Person next year, for I take it for granted the next Campaign will be so active & I hope so decisive a One that the Rebels will be glad to sue for Mercy. All however will depend on Our having a Sufficient Force sent Us out very early in the Spring. As Genl. Clinton is just going to set out on a detached Command, I shall be the only Maj.r Genl. left under Mr. Howe, so that I shall have business enough. If the Patriots were here, they would abuse Us, & say the Scotch influenced the Cabinet here as well as at home, for Brig.dr Genl. Grant directs Our Commander in Chief & all his Operations. Mr. Howe is I

believe the only Man in his Army who does not perceive it. I know the Brig.r well, & am certain that his Abilities are not equal to what he has undertaken that is the being Director General to the Commander in Chief of such an Army as Ours. I wish from my Soul that we may not feel the Consequences. I have not the least Guess by what Conveyance this Letter is to go, but it shall be by the very first. Our new Admiral is arrived, & like all other new Brooms seems to promise to sweep clean. We wanted a more Active Man than the Last, for really the Service suffered material during his Command. Mr. Shuldam is a Man well spoken of in his Profession, & therefore I hope we shall go on well. We have had the most violent Gales of Wind for some time past that ever was known, so that we suppose great numbers of the Ships destined for this Port, are gone to the West Indies. Adieu Dear Dr. make my Comps to all your Family & believe me to be

Your's sincerely

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The Reverend
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